

St. John of the Cross Parish

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ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS
YOUTH MINISTRY

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Monday to Thursday 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Sunday 8:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.



Alexandru Andrus

We, God's people, members of St. John of the Cross Carmelite Parish, and disciples called through baptism to be prophetic, priestly, and holy, have been chosen to serve, help, and guide each other on our Christian pilgrimage through life, to the Kingdom of God.

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT THE CHURCH

Monday through Saturday: 9:00 a.m.

Every Wednesday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.

followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

First Friday: additional mass 7:00 p.m.

followed by Adoration

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Other times by appointment.

BAPTISM

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Parents are required to attend the Baptism Preparation Class. They are also encouraged to attend the class prior to the birth of the baby. Godparents are also expected to attend this class. A registration package is available at the Parish Office or at our website.

MARRIAGE

It is required that one of those to be married resides within the Parish boundary. Couples planning to be married must contact the Parish Office at least one year in advance of their proposed date. They are required to complete a Marriage Preparation Course.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please contact the parish office if confined to home or hospitalization so sacramental care may be provided.

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JOHN OF THE CROSS was born in 1542 at Fontiveros in Spain. He entered the Carmelite Community and was ordained a priest in 1567. Renowned for his wisdom and sanctity, he died at Ubeda in 1591. His writings are not only classics of spirituality, but also of Spanish literature. His best known books are The Ascent of Mount Carmel, The Dark Night of the Soul, and The Living Flame of Love.

6th Sunday of Easter

1st Reading: Acts 8.5-8, 14-17

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3.15-18

Gospel: John 14.15-21 *The Promise of the Holy Spirit*

Strengthening our Stewardship with the Holy Spirit

As we approach the end of the Easter season our readings begin to focus on the Holy Spirit that awaits us on Pentecost. In today's first reading we hear the account of some believers receiving the Holy Spirit after Peter and John laid their hands on them. The Catechism says that "the imposition of hands is rightly recognized by the Catholic tradition as the origin of the sacrament of Confirmation, which in a certain way perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church" (CCC 1288).

So, as we have read the biblical roots of the sacrament of Confirmation, let us reflect on its significance in our own lives 2000 years later. The Second Vatican Council says that through "the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed" (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Confirmation makes us obliged to spread the Gospel through "word and deed" because we receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We all have a special share of these gifts, which consist of fortitude, wisdom, knowledge, understanding, fear of the Lord, piety and counsel. If for example, we have a greater outpouring of the gift of knowledge, we can use this to help with catechesis ministries in the parish that seek to teach the faith to others. Essentially, Confirmation strengthens our call to be stewards of Christ. Let us use our gifts to spread the Gospel in our parish communities as a way of living out our call of Confirmation and let us do so by turning to the Holy Spirit to guide us.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT



Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of
your faithful and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they
shall be created. And You shall renew
the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant
that by the same Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations,
Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2020

***Living the Gospel by supporting
youth ministry in our parishes***

What difference does training make for youth ministers? Consider that the 40+ youth ministers in the Archdiocese of Toronto collectively impact thousands of youth and their families. The Office of Catholic Youth (OCY), funded by ShareLife, visits parishes, equips youth ministers, and facilitates networking—including an archdiocesan training day attended by 200 youth ministers and volunteers. OCY helps ensure a vibrant church for future generations.



**June 7 is the next ShareLife Sunday.
Please give generously.**

**Happy Victoria Day!
May 18th**



**Stay safe, healthy, and
blessed!**

READINGS OF THE WEEK

Mon	May 18	Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26-16.4a
Tue	May 19	Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11
Wed	May 20	Acts 17:15,22-18.1; John 16:12-15
Thurs	May 21	Acts 18:1-8; John 16:16-20
Fri	May 22	Acts 18:9-18; John 16:20-23a
Sat	May 23	Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28
Sun	May 24	Acts 1:1-11; Eph 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY

Helping out Neighbors in Need within our parish boundary.

Last month, St. Vincent de Paul Society served 20 Families of which 32 were adults and 19 were children.

They handed out \$1,225 in grocery vouchers and also delivered food bags. No bus tickets were given as Mississauga Transit is offering free Service at this time.

They are asking for non-perishable food items or grocery food vouchers so they can continue to serve our neighbors in need. You can drop these off during the daytime at the church door closest to the outdoor statue of our Lady of Mount Carmel. The food vouchers can be placed inside the parish mail box.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping our neighbors in need.



Thank you for your parish contributions through the offertory envelopes, Pre-Authorized Giving, and donations through Credit Card payments. Your donation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generosity!

*One can give without
LOVING
 But one cannot
LOVE
 Without giving.*
Amy Carmichael



**ENRICH YOUR FAITH
 WHILE AT HOME**

Here are some good resources to dive into:

1. [FORMED](#) – Stream Catholic movies (for children, families, and adults), programs, audio and books. Enjoy a free trial for 40 days.
2. [THE UPPER ROOM](#)— Free webinars, talks, daily inspirational messages and resources from the Franciscan University of Steubenville.
3. [WORD ON FIRE’S 8 PRINCIPLES OF EVANGELIZATION](#)— A free online course from Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.
4. [THE GREAT STORY OF JESUS FROM THE CATHERINE OF SIENNA INSTITUTE](#)— The video and guide are available for free until June 1st. The guide contains prayers, reflection questions and related writings from saints, popes and Church teaching to guide individuals and small groups as they encounter Jesus in his story.
5. [FREE ONLINE COURSES AND RESOURCES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME](#)— Two self-guided online courses, available until May 31, 2020.

SJOC Parish is inviting all children from Grades 2—4 to participate in the

CHILDREN’S CATECHESIS
Every Wednesday, 6:30-7:30pm
Starting this Wednesday, May 20th

Parents will need to be involved to help the children prepare for their Catechesis sessions done online.

Call or email the parish office for questions or to register your child

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